# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION IX

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February 13, 2015

### Via Email and Federal Express

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request: EPA-R9-2015-003778 (Third Partial Response)

Dear Mr. Rahman and Mr. Chapman:

This is in response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 30, 2015, in which you requested:

- A. all CERCLA 104(e) responses relating to the Omega Chemical Site and/or OU2 for various facilities identified in EPA's August 2010 Final Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Reports;
- B. all CERCLA 104(e) responses relating to the Omega Chemical Site and/or OU2 for various identified parties;
- C. All waste manifests, summaries of waste manifests, and any other similar documents relating to wastes received at the Omega Chemical OU-1 site;
- D. Any correspondence, data, reports, calculations, computer models or other digital data or hard media regarding groundwater (the majority were provided previously by the Superfund Records Center as described in my February 12, 2015 email to you); and
- E. All consent decrees, administrative orders, or other settlement agreements concerning non-OPOG parties (provided separately by Steve Berninger via email on February 10, 2015).

On the enclosed DVDs, you will find copies of a partial set of documents that are responsive to Requests A, B and C. These are the 104(e) responses and manifest information that have previously been determined by EPA to be releasable. We are unable to provide you with certain portions of documents that have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by

virtue of the following FOIA provisions:

- 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(6) (information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of third parties);
- 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(7)(A) (information whose release could interfere with enforcement proceedings), and/or
- Sec. 552(b)(4) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Included on the DVDs are two itemized indexes listing the 104(e) responses and manifests provided in response to Requests A, B and C, and showing any withheld material along with the basis for withholding it.

EPA is continuing in its efforts to identify additional records that are responsive to Requests A, B and C, and will provide copies of these records once they have undergone releasability reviews.

Also included on the DVDs is the Oversight Costs Dispute AR Update 1, which is the remaining portion of EPA's response to Request D.

Under FOIA, you have the right to appeal this partial denial determination to EPA, Office of Environmental Information, Records, Privacy, and FOIA Branch (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. The appeal must be made in writing, and it must be received at this address no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-day limit. The appeal may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the determination being appealed (including the assigned FOIA request number, R9-2015-003778. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3125.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Olinger, US EPA Enforcement Officer

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Case Development, Superfund

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cc: Steve Berninger, w/encls. Wayne Praskins, w/encls.



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